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Addressing the Calls for Justice to end national crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit, and gender-diverse people

Since the launch of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, the Government of Canada has made efforts to advance around three quarters of the federal work outlined in the [Calls for Justice](#). On June 3, 2024, the Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, released the [2023 to 2024 Federal Pathway Annual Progress Report](#). The report highlights the progress the federal government has made over the last year in responding to the National Inquiry's Calls for Justice.

For more information, including the [2023 to 2024 Federal Pathway Annual Progress Report: Executive Summary](#), please visit the [news release](#).

Canadian Council for Indigenous Business Accelerator program for Indigenous businesses open to new applicants

The Canadian Council for Indigenous Business (CCIB) has announced the [Indigenous Business Defence Sector Accelerator program](#) is open to new applicants on June 14, 2024. The Indigenous Business Defence Sector Accelerator program creates opportunities for Indigenous businesses in Canada to engage with defence suppliers. The program pairs Indigenous businesses with organizational sponsors who provide opportunities to leverage connections in their global supply chains, learn regulatory requirements and acquire knowledge and skills to work within the defence industry.

This program is available to any Indigenous business that:

- meets the criteria of being 51% Indigenous owned and controlled
- has established products and/or service relevant to the defence sector

Applications for the program will be closed on July 12, 2024. For more information, including project timelines and candidate selection, please visit [Indigenous Business Defence Sector Accelerator program](#).

National Suicide Prevention Action Plan announced

On May 31, 2024, the federal government announced the release of Canada's first [National Suicide Prevention Action Plan](#). The action plan lays the foundation for increased collaboration and engagement with partners across the country to strengthen Canada's response to suicide. The action plan leverages current evidence and builds on the existing [Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention](#) and the momentum and collaboration from the successful launch of the [9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline](#). The action plan sets a vision for Canada's suicide prevention efforts and identifies key areas of action over the next 3 years, including:

- enhancing data and monitoring to identify where specific gaps and needs exist
- advancing research and evaluation efforts to better understand what works for suicide prevention and life promotion
- ensuring there are effective supports and services for people in Canada
- developing governance mechanisms to ensure greater collaboration among partners, including provinces and territories, Indigenous organizations, communities and people with lived and living experience

For more information, please visit the [backgrounder](#) and [news release](#).

Government of Canada launches a call for proposals and invests in projects that increase accessibility in communities across Canada

As part of National AccessAbility Week 2024, the Government of Canada [announced a new call for proposals under the small projects](#) component of the [Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) (EAF). Under this new call for proposals, \$14.7 million has been allocated to fund approximately 150 small scale construction projects across the country. Each project could receive up to \$125,000. Priority will be given to accessibility projects led by Indigenous organizations and projects led by organizations that deliver services to support persons with disabilities living in poverty, such as shelters, food banks and clothing charities.

Organizations have **until July 23, 2024, 3 pm. Eastern Time to submit a proposal** online at [Enabling Accessibility Fund - Small Projects Component](#). For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

**HELP IS AVAILABLE
WHENEVER YOU
NEED IT.**

**Immediate support is available 24/7
for all Indigenous people in Canada.**

Hope for Wellness Help Line and Chat
1-855-242-3310 or www.hopeforwellness.ca

Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line
1-866-925-4419

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
and Girls Support Line
1-844-413-6649

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The [Emergency Management Assistance Program](#) supports wildland fire non-structural mitigation and preparedness initiatives through the FireSmart funding stream. FireSmart builds skills in First Nations communities to prevent and prepare against wildland fires.

Proposals will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until funding is exhausted. For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [Emergency Management FireSmart program](#).

Wildfire evacuation information for Indigenous Peoples

In the event of a possible emergency evacuation, make sure you and your family are prepared. If there is an emergency event near your home or community, you should:

- monitor the emergency through radio, television or local social media accounts for warnings or information about evacuation plans
- be ready to exercise your [emergency plan](#). Take your [emergency kit](#) and other essential items with you if an evacuation order is issued or you have to leave your home
- follow the routes specified by officials. Don't take shortcuts. They could lead you to a blocked or dangerous area

For First Nations or Inuit who are evacuated, here are a list of [supports available](#) to you. [After you've evacuated](#), you should follow evacuation orders and stay outside the evacuation zone. For more information, visit www.canada.ca/indigenousevacuations.

The call for applications for the 2024 to 2025 Price McIntosh Bursary is open

For the fourth year in a row, [Library and Archives Canada](#) (LAC) will provide financial aid to Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities through the [Price McIntosh Bursary](#), to encourage them to enrol or pursue studies in fields related to libraries and archives. This initiative supports LAC's efforts to promote the inclusion and diversity of perspectives, interpretations and experiences within the documentary heritage professions, to enrich our collective history and uncover the many stories it contains.

The call for applications for the Price McIntosh Bursary is now open. For the 2024 to 2025 academic year, eligible students are encouraged to submit their application by **September 20, 2024, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time**. This bursary is for students enrolled in an eligible Canadian college or university program. It provides \$5,000 for full-time students and \$2,500 for part-time students. Visit the [Price McIntosh Bursary page](#) for full details, including [eligibility criteria](#), the [application form](#) and [assistance in completing an application](#).

Canada releases the *Climate Science 2050: National Priorities for Climate Change Science and Knowledge Report*

On May 30, 2024, the Government of Canada is released the [Climate Science 2050: National Priorities for Climate Change Science and Knowledge Report](#). The report identifies priority science and knowledge activities that Canada needs to pursue to meet the climate targets and adaptation goals identified in the [Progress Report on the 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan](#) and the [National Adaptation Strategy](#).

This report is the result of 2 years of extensive engagement with more than 500 leaders from the Canadian climate change science community, including governments, industry sectors and academia. It presents multiple expert views on key scientific research activities to guide research and better inform climate change mitigation and adaptation policies, programs and services—emphasizing both Indigenous and Western science.

For more information, please visit the [news release](#).



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